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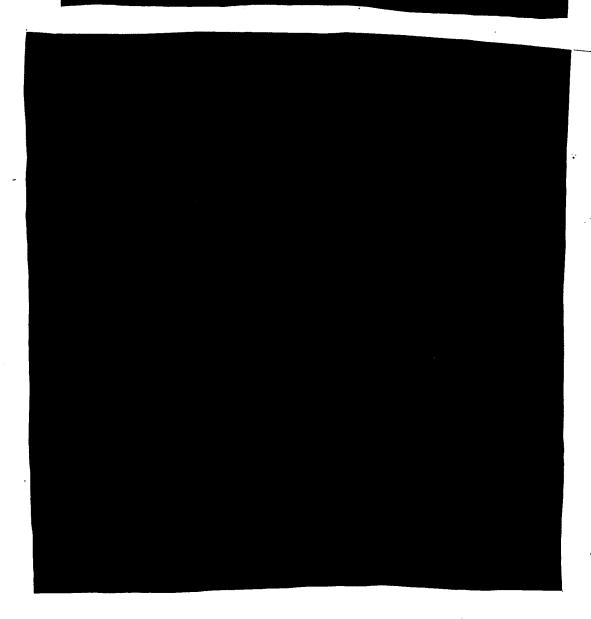
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HAVE TO MALE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IF HE IS TO ENSURE THEIR PARTICIPATION AND ESCAPE A COURT CHALLENGE.

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4. ISRAEL-LEBANON: NEW ATTACKS BY HIZBALLAH

HIZBALLAH'S RENEWED ATTACKS ON ISRAELI TROOPS AND THOSE OF TEL AVIV'S CLIENT, THE ARMY OF SOUTH LEBANON, IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY ZONE IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WILL STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF MILITARY LEADERS IN

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TEL AVIV WHO ARE PRESSING FOR RETALIATORY STRIKES IN THE BEKAA VALLEY. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI PRESS, DOZENS OF PRO-IRANIAN, SHIA GUERRILLAS ATTACKED POSITIONS OF THE ARMY OF SOUTH LEBANON YESTERDAY ABOUT 5 MILES (8 KILDMETERS) NORTH OF THE ISRAELI BORDER, KILLING ONE LEBANESE MILITIAMAN AND WOUNDING SIX OTHERS. THREE ISRAELI SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED, AND EIGHT SHIA ATTACKERS WERE KILLED IN SUBSEQUENT FIREFIGHTS.

COMMENT: ISRAELI LEADERS MAY BE RELIEVED THAT THESE ATTACKS WERE LESS DAMAGING THAN THOSE IN DECEMBER, IN WHICH AT LEAST 15 MILITIAMEN WERE KILLED. ISRAEL HAS BEEN ABLE TO PURSUE AND KILL RETREATING HIZBALLAH ATTACKERS MORE EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE OF A RECENT INCREASE IN ROVING PATROLS BY ITS ELITE INFANTRY AND PARATROOP BRIGADES, BUT IT HAS DONE NO LASTING DAMAGE TO HIZBALLAH'S ABILITY TO RENEW ATTACKS. TEL AVIV'S WILLINGNESS TO ACT ON THE MILITARY'S STRONG URGE TO RETALIATE AGAINST HIZBALLAH MAY BE AFFECTED BY US NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERANEAN, THE SEIZING OF FOUR PROFESSORS IN BEIRUT EARLIER THIS MONTH, AND CONCERN FOR TERRY WAITE'S SAFETY. THE MOST RECENT ATTACKS WILL NONETHELESS PUT ADDED PRESSURE ON ISRAELI POLITICAL LEADERS TO STRIKE AT HIZBALLAH BASES IN THE NORTHERN BEKAA VALLEY--PARTICULARLY THE SHAYKH ABDULLAH BARRACKS-IN BA'ABAKK.

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--LEBANESE DRUZE OFFICIAL CLAIMS FERRY WAITE HAS NOT BEEN SHOT OR PUT ON TRIAL . . . HIZBALLAH'S SPIRITUAL LEADER FAULALLAH'S ACCUSATION IN PRESS YESTERDAY THAT WAITE ON US MISSION COULD PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR PROLONGED DETENTION.

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